

Operational Services

Transportation

The District shall provide free transportation for all students in the District: (1) residing at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from their assigned school, and (2) residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned school where walking would constitute a serious hazard due to vehicular traffic and adequate public transportation is not available. Such serious safety hazards must be determined in accordance with IDOT regulations. Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation for special education students shall be provided if included in a student's individualized educational program. Non-public school students shall be transported in accordance with State law.

The District may provide transportation for students residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned school on a space available basis and with the approval of the Building Principal. A fee will be charged for this service.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Superintendent or a designee and shall be altered only with the Superintendent's approval and direction. In fixing the routes, the pickup and discharge points should be as safe and convenient for students as possible while maintaining an efficient transportation schedule. Students may not be transported beyond their attendance area.

No school employee may transport students in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the Building Principal, Superintendent or designee. The employee must have liability insurance.

Every vehicle regularly used for the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with applicable State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

The District shall direct the Contractor and/or bus driver to shut off the ignition, activate the interior lights and walk to the rear of the bus to check for children still on board. If an electronic device is used, that device must activate the interior lights when the ignition is shut off.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.22 and 5/29-1 et seq.
625 ILCS 5/13-109.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§ 1.510a and 226.935.

CROSS REF.: 5.280

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